
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF
MANDATING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR CANNABIDIOL OIL DERIVED
FROM INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

1 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is defined under the State's
2 industrial hemp pilot program as the plant *Cannabis sativa* L.
3 and any part of that plant with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol
4 concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis
5 or a tetrahydrocannabinol concentration allowed by federal law,
6 whichever is greater, that is cultivated; and
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8 WHEREAS, industrial hemp contains cannabidiol, a
9 therapeutic non-psychoactive chemical compound, and low levels
10 of tetrahydrocannabinol, a psychoactive chemical compound that
11 is found in high levels in the other type of cannabis plant,
12 *Cannabis indica*; and
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14 WHEREAS, the medicinal benefits of cannabidiol have been
15 recently recognized by the United States Food and Drug
16 Administration, which, on June 25, 2018, approved Epidiolex
17 (cannabidiol) oral solution for the treatment of seizures
18 associated with severe forms of epilepsy, specifically, Lennox-
19 Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome, in patients two years of
20 age and older; and
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22 WHEREAS, both cannabidiol and tetrahydrocannabinol have
23 similar medicinal benefits, such as relieving pain, reducing
24 nausea, easing migraines, and reducing inflammation,
25 cannabidiol, unlike tetrahydrocannabinol, does not produce a
26 "high", does not have psychoactive side effects, does not
27 increase appetite, and decreases seizures; and
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29 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 20, introduced during the Regular Session
30 of 2019, requires health insurers and similar entities that



H.C.R. NO. 21

1 provide coverage for health care to provide drug coverage for
2 cannabidiol oil that is derived from industrial hemp; and
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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, provides that before any legislative measure that
6 mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services,
7 specific diseases, or certain providers of health care services
8 as part of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
9 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that
10 designate a specific legislative bill for the auditor to review
11 and prepare a report for submission to the Legislature that
12 assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed
13 mandated coverage under that legislative bill; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
17 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State Auditor is requested
18 to assess both the social and financial effects of the proposed
19 mandated coverage of cannabidiol oil that is derived from
20 industrial hemp, as described in H.B. No. 20, introduced during
21 the Regular Session of 2019; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor is requested
24 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later
26 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
27 of 2020; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor and
31 the Insurance Commissioner.
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